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# THE PARK ROQUE CLUB.

A Success From the Start—Some Prize Winners.

The Park Roque Club had its opening last Monday night as stated in the issue of last week. The event was truly a sporting triumph for the young men who compose this club. The Negroes of Washington are not much given to attending the athletic contests that take place in and about Washington, or at least the better element are not. The annual drill of the High School cadets and the foot ball contests between the High Schools and Howard University are about the only competitions that have been able to draw upon the better element of the population for an audience in the past, but the game of Roque has been steadily growing in popularity for the past three or four years and the building of the new courts on Sixth street marks the beginning of a new era in this very enjoyable sport. An invitation was extended through the press, to the friends of the club to be present at the opening on Monday night and they responded in such generous proportions that the club was compelled to bring in extra seats from the adjoining building to accommodate the crowd. After an exhibition game by the members of the club, in which Mr. Arthur S. Gray and Mr. Furman J. Shadd were the contestants on the upper court and Prof. Syphax and Dr. Conner on the south court, the guests present were given a chance to try their hands and see how easy it is to strike a ball across the grounds. Many of the visitors had been old croquet players, and felt sure they could better some of the shots that were

being made by the contestants, which afforded the spectators much amusement and at the same time served to remove a little of the conceit from the contestants. Mr. James A. Cobb won the blue ribbon for the best shot and Prof. Kelley Miller won the yellow ribbon for the worst shot. When the contests among the men were over, the ladies tried, and Miss Jennie Williamson proved herself best with Dr. Joiner a close second, while Miss Tyson was the successful candidate for the consolation prize for ladies. The courts were beautifully decorated with lanterns and transparencies, the latter representing the club members in characteristic positions and attitudes; Pelham making a jump shot; Syphax on a long shot and Shadd on a near stroke. After the contests, the spectators were invited into the adjoining building, where a literary contest in the nature of a literary wedding was engaged in and about 100 of the best known Negro authors were introduced by picture, and those present asked to recognize the picture and find a partner who had a card bearing some work or composition of the author. The entire affair was under the management of Mr. Robert Pelham, Jr., and was arranged with his usual skill and unique conceptions. The games continue throughout the month every pleasant evening from six to ten o'clock p. m. All who are interested in the game are invited to visit the courts.

The club members are Messrs. Arthur S. Gray, Robert Pelham, Jr., Chas. S. Syphax, James Neill, Furman J. Shadd, Henry P. Shaughter, W. A. Joiner, and Drs. W. H. Conner and H. C. Scurlock.

## THE JANE MOSELEY.

The Jane Moseley completed her first season under the management of the Freedamn's Land and Transportation Company on the 15th and has made a fine record. Though it began late in the season and had its usual hard luck of companies organized by colored people, it has prospered. President Lewis Jefferson has proven himself the right man for the place. But for his money, his business tact, the company might not have fared so well.

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